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Memorandum of Conversations:

USE OF MUNICH ASSETS TO SUPPORT DEVELOPMENT OF ENIGME OPERATIONS AGAINST THE  
RIS IN FRANCE

1. During the week of 31 January the undersigned discussed with MOS CE officers those assets which might be of assistance in developing Soviet CE operations in France. The most promising possibilities are described in the following paragraphs. In addition to these, there is the possibility that other potential CE informants may be recommended by VEPRIVADZE or by [redacted]. There is also a possibility that one of the fully-cleared ARCAPELIN's may move to Paris for political reasons, in which case he may become a potential source.

2. ARCAPELIN: ARCAPELIN is extremely interested in transferring to France and believes that he will be able to do so under the cover of a student at the St. Sergius Theological Institute in Paris. In preparation for this transfer he has applied for admission to the school and is currently negotiating a scholarship of 350 DM monthly from the World Council of Churches, which has been supporting him to some extent for several years. With this 350 DM and with a transfer of 300 DM monthly from his present bank account in Germany, ARCAPELIN can cover modest living expenses in France vis-a-vis the French authorities. One there, he can probably get a supplementary income from the Ukrainian Scientific Society, the Shevchenko Scientific Society, at Suresnes near Paris for which he can write a few articles. If necessary, he can also arrange to have money sent to him from relatives either in the U.S. or in Canada to cover additional income, but he would prefer not to do this.

3. ARCAPELIN briefly considered the possibility of obtaining a job at the Institute at Suresnes, but has discarded it as being too time consuming and too far from the center of Paris. He claims that although the majority of the students will be younger than he, it is logical for him to attend the Theological Institute and that the idea has been accepted by his friends. In order to avoid the excessive interest and care of the French officials in regard to stateless persons in France, ARCAPELIN has considered applying for German citizenship which he has been informed he could receive within a month or two on the basis of his service in the German army during World War II. This would also obviate the difficulties of his maintaining German domicile without traveling to Germany to renew permission every three to six months. Regarding the possibility of obtaining a parish, ARCAPELIN believed that he might eventually be able to do so after his arrival in France through his friendship with a bishop of the Greek Orthodox Church but was certain that he could not make any such arrangement from Germany.

4. Regarding the contacts which he believed he could develop after arrival, ARCAPELIN listed six or seven individuals or groups with whom he could begin. Probably the most valuable of these would be the SR/OUN which is very active among Ukrainian emigres in France and works with the Surots Nationals. More detail is available on these contacts, and ARCAPELIN has also been asked to prepare a list to be forwarded to the [redacted] of all his acquaintances in France, regardless of their degree of usefulness from his point of view. A number of his contacts will be a continuation of those which he had developed in

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in Germany, a factor which should assist in cutting down the time he will require to become oriented on the French scene.

5. Frederick G. Perham: Perham has a number of contacts in Paris, all of whom were associated with him in his military experiences. Approximately thirty graduated with him from the Alexandrovskiy Military School in Moscow, and about fifteen were in his same regiment during World War I. He last saw these contacts in Paris in 1932, but has been in correspondence. It was proposed that Perham visit Paris for a week or two to renew his acquaintances and to sound out the possibility of recruiting two of his friends whom he believed he could approach and whom he considers the most capable and intelligent. These two are listed in paragraphs B and C of MMI-9236. B is of particular interest because of his travel across and through the organization, though non-political, has members who belong to a great variety of political organizations, a factor which gives him access to a number of sub-sources.

6. Perham can go to Paris for one to two weeks under the cover of the Tolstoy Foundation, as Mrs. SCHAUFUSS has already suggested that he make a trip on the Foundation's behalf. Because the Tolstoy Foundation office in Paris is considered weak and not sufficiently capable, Perham believes that he might be able to return to Paris every two or three months if that were necessary. In talking to his friends, Perham could speak on behalf of the Russian Political Committee headed by SEREBREVSKI in New York. Although Perham is not a member of the group he has liaised with them closely and knows half the leaders well. Perham is currently preparing a more detailed report on his contacts in Paris and the alternate means by which they could be approached. This report will also be forwarded to the:

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7.                      can easily travel to Paris for one or two weeks for vacation as his QACTIVE salary is sufficiently large to permit his such expenses. Under the cover of QACTIVE and his own political group,                      can talk to a great number of emigres in seeking a suitable candidate for the post of OS informant without any mention of American connections.                     's main contact in Paris is listed in paragraph A of MMI-9236.                      has been asked to give some thought to other potential sources in France.

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